



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In order to enhance the educational impact of Earth Day, the National Environmental Education Foundation has designated April 12 - 18, 2009, as National Environmental Education week, and will provide educators with activities for K-12 classrooms, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums; and
WHEREAS: Collaborative efforts can increase the amount of environmental education taking place in America's classrooms and draw educators' attention to opportunities for students in the environmental field; and
WHEREAS: Environmental education can bolster core environmental literacy in our K-12 students by featuring grade-appropriate "e-literacy" goals and content standards; and
WHEREAS: Environmental education can encourage schools to partner with local museums, nature centers, zoos, aquariums, science centers, and parks; and
WHEREAS: Environmental Education week is an opportunity for professional environmental educators to present their accomplishments to national education leaders; and
WHEREAS: The theme of the 2009 National Environmental Education Week is Be Water Wise!; and
WHEREAS: National Environmental Education Week, in cooperation with hundreds of outstanding environmental education organizations, education associations, and agencies, can become an annually anticipated event in schools and education centers throughout the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLNTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 12 - 18, 2009, as:

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this third day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the State the one hundred fiftieth.

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GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE